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1. SUMMARY. CHAIRMAN OF WG REPORTED ON RECENT ACTIVITIES OF WG. MALTA SPOKE ON INADEQUACIES OF APPROACH IN SC II AND UKRAINE SUPPORTED SOVIET STRAITS ARTICLE.

2. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT LAST WEEK OF MEETINGS WOULD BE DEVOTED TO MAIN COMMITTEE. AUGUST 16 AND 17 WOULD BE USED BY SUBCOMMITTEE TO PREPARE REPORTS AND LIST OF SPEAKERS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WAS NOW CLOSED.

3. CHAIRMAN OF WG OF WHOLE REPORTED TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACTIVITIES IN WG SINCE JULY 18. HE REVIEWED IN DETAIL QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED IN WG OF WHOLE AS WELL AS IN INFORMAL WORKING UNIT ON FISHERIES. HE ALSO REFERRED TO PROCEDURAL DECISIONS

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WHICH HAD BEEN MADE. (VERBATIM TEXT BEING AIRPOUCHED DEPT).

4. FAO REP (DR. POPPER) SPOKE ON TWO POINTS: NEED TO MAKE FULLEST POSSIBLE USE OF LIVING RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH CONSERVATION AND NEED TO USE RESOURCES IN MANNER BENEFITING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FULL UTILIZATION REQUIRED EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT WHICH IN TURN WAS BASED ON ACCURATE CATCH DATA AND STATISTICS. REGARDLESS OF LIMITS, EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT REQUIRED EFFECTIVE COORDINATION IN WHICH FAO COULD PLAY ROLE. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD GREAT NEED TO INCREASE THEIR FISHING TECHNOLOGY. COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN TRANSFERRING TECHNIQUES FOR ASSESSMENT OF FISH STOCKS WOULD BE EVEN GREATER AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ACQUIRED LARGER RESPONSIBILITIES.

5. MALTESE REP DELIVERED ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR ADDRESS (TEXT BEING AIRPOUCHED) IN WHICH AMB PARDO MADE NUMBER OF THOUGHTFUL POINTS. USE OF EXCESSIVELY LONG BASELINES AND USE OF SMALL ISLETS AND ROCKS FOR BASE POINTS COULD ENCLOSE 30-35 PERCENT OF EXISTING OCEANS AS INTERNAL WATERS. IF 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WERE ADDED TO THAT, ANOTHER 5 PERCENT WOULD BE ADDED. WITH ADDITION OF 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BEYOND THAT, AS MUCH AS 80 PERCENT OF EXISTING OCEANS COULD COME UNDER SOVEREIGNTY OR EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF COASTAL STATES. AFTER CRITICIZING MANY ASPECTS OF PROPOSALS BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE, REP CONCLUDED THAT SITUATION IN OCEANS TODAY WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM 15 OR EVEN 5 YEARS AGO AND SHIFT HAD BEEN FROM DIRECTION OF TOTAL FREEDOM TO TOTAL SOVEREIGNTY. CONCEPTUAL THINKING HAD NOT KEPT PACE WITH CHANGES AND THERE WAS APPARENT LACK OF AWARENESS THAT CHANGES HAD OCCURRED. HE CITED SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF SUCH CHANGES AND DISCUSSED HOW MALTESE PROPOSAL DEALT WITH THESE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. UKRANIAN REP SPOKE AT LENGTH ON QUESTION OF STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION CONNECTING TWO PARTS OF HIGH SEAS. HE STRESSED NEED FOR BOTH DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO HAVE UNHAMPERED ACCESS TO OCEANS. HE STATED IT WAS INDISPENSABLE TO FIND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS WITH INTERESTS OF COASTAL STRAITS COUNTRIES. UKRAINE STRONGLY SUPPORTED SOVIET STRAITS ARTICLE AND WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH ONLY PROVIDED INNOCENT PASSAGE IN INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. REP THEN LAUNCHED INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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DETAILED REBUTTAL OF LEGAL ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY SPAIN. HE POINTED OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SPAIN HAD PLACED GIBALTAR, DOVER AND MALACCA STRAITS IN SAME CATEGORY AS CORFU, PEMBA AND TIRAN STRAITS. FOR LATTER STRAITS DOCTRINE OF INNOCENT PASSAGE COULD APPLY AS THESE WERE NOT IMPORTANT AVENUES OF INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATIONS.

7. PERUVIAN REP EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY TO MALTA AND STATED

THAT ONLY A FEW MARITIME POWERS HAD BENEFITTED FROM HIGH SEAS DOCTRINE. NOW MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES WERE INSISTING ON SHARING BENEFITS IN OCEAN. URUGUAYAN ALSO REPLIED TO MALTA ON SEVERAL TECHNICAL POINTS INDICATING THAT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, OVER-FLIGHT AND LAYING OF SUB-MARINE CABLES AND PIPELINES WAS COMPATIBLE WITH OFFSHORE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF COASTAL STATES. INDONESIA DEFENDED POSITION OF ARCHIPELAGIC COUNTRIES AND POINTED OUT THAT THEIR DRAFT PROPOSAL DID NOT CONTEMPLATE INTERNAL WATERS BUT ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS.

8. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS AND LENGTH OF SPEECHES, NIGHT MEETING APPEARED NECESSARY. GREEK REP RESERVED POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON CERTAIN REMARKS MADE BY CHAIRMAN OF WG CONCERNING REGIME OF ISLANDS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED SPEAKER'S SUGGESTION FOR EVENING MEETING. BASSIN

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